

**College Park Village Association
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2017**

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Ted Stanley at 7:00 PM.** Board members present were Marti Meerscheidt, Dave Mulberry, Johanne Stanley, Steve LaMotta, Kenneth Morris, Joel Barnes and Jake Miller. Absent was Mike Larson. Also in attendance were Village Liaison Peggy Krysiak and MCSO Deputies Coriescu, Viands and Fruchtnicht. Guest present was Township Director *candidate* Carol Stromatt. Carol gave us a biography of her experience and entertained a few questions about her candidacy.

Deputy Coriescu gave the monthly Sheriff's Office highlights and CPV statistics for the month of September. She reported 285 vacation watches, plus 1,224 calls for service. Feature captives for the Township included a suspect in a burglary of a motor vehicle and another individual suspected of possession of drugs. It was noted by a board member that the MCSO reports *increasingly* include incidents where citizens have made observations and made that 911 call. *This is a trend that will help keep our community safer; that we all report if we see something out of place in our neighborhoods.* Crime trends last month were down compared to the previous month. The full report is available on the MCSO web site.

- 2) Resident comments:** None

- 3) The Township report** –Peggy Krysiak provided the Township report, electronically, before the meeting to all board members. There were no questions from the Board about the report. She encouraged us to vote in the Township elections with early voting to start on October 23.

- 4) Village Liaison report** – Peggy Krysiak provided fliers of upcoming events. She reported she will be at the Windsor Hills National Night Out party on October 17. The next "all Villages" activities are the Water Wise Village Challenge and the Holiday Lighting. She explained the new format for receiving points in the Water Wise Challenge with early pledges awarded more points. Pledges submitted in October make three points. She reported that she had submitted the request to the Parks department for equipment to be delivered for the Spooktacular later this month.

- 5) Administrative Council Reports:**

Presentation of the Minutes –Secretary Meerscheidt sent out minutes electronically prior to the meeting for review. Minutes for the September meeting were unanimously approved with a motion from Dave Mulberry and seconded by Kenneth Morris.

Treasurers Report – Dave Mulberry reported just one outstanding check to date. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved with a motion by Kenneth Morris and seconded by Joel Barnes.

- 6) Village Activities:**

NNO – Turnout was even lower than the previous year (2016 estimate was 120). This year the estimate is 50 – 75 attended. It was a success and with some College Park board members attending. Ted thanked Mike for all the behind the scenes work in making it a success. Ted reported that the Harper's Landing Park had not been cleaned up for our Sunday event; trash cans were full and the pavilion floor unclean. He also thought that having the event on a Sunday afternoon this year might have impacted participation. He noted that over the years CPV has learned that Sunday afternoon events have less participation. Peggy suggested that these observations could have more impact if they were shared at

the Township board meeting. Dave Mulberry reported a great turnout for his neighborhood NNO street party in Grogan's Forest. Emails went out to 30 households with 38 guests showing up. He thought the three emails that went out made a significant impact on the participation. There was some discussion of event signage and keeping within the County right-of-way laws regarding signs. The NNO for Windsor Hills (for WH residents only) is October 17 and with over 150 residents expected to attend.

Spooktacular – Johanne reported she has contacted vendors for October 28th. She hired Fun Jumps in the amount of \$720 for the bounce house and the trackless train. She did a lot of research on the refreshments including Chick-fil-A, a sub shop and HEB. There was consensus from the board on her decision to go with HEB in the amount of \$650 for 400 sandwiches. She also presented a preliminary estimate of total expenses at \$2080 being slightly over budget. The musician was added this year (\$150) which added to the variance. She has a face make-up artist for two hours at \$160. Marti requested that the make-up artist be directed to paint smaller tattoo-like images and paint *more* faces rather than painting elaborate designs on *fewer* kids. Marti has contacted high school volunteers and will contact them this week for an update. We requested 20 student volunteers from JROTC and Ambassadors at College Park HS. There was some brief discussion about having a food drive. It was left for Johanne to decide going forward but there was consensus that it might not produce a lot of items being that it is not the main focus of the event. Please report by noon (after your Flea Market "after the flea market nap") to help with set up. All board members made a verbal commitment to help, with the exception of one member who will be out of town.

Fall Flea Market – the date is set for October 28. Ted, Joel, Dave and Steve will work the first shift reporting at 4:30 AM. Ted will work early shift at 3:00 AM. Dave and Ted will fill in as needed during the second shift. Marti caved after some peer pressure and decided to work the first shift at 4:30 AM. Ted thanked Dave for helping with the early ticket sales. 65 spots were sold at Panther Creek Village Shopping Center. Ted reminded everyone to ask friends and neighbors to help our Village by coming out to volunteer at the flea market.

3 R Bazaar – this year collecting CD's and CD cases. Johanne and Steve will work the 8:30 – 11 shift and Dave and Marti will cover 11 until 1:30. The event is at the PARD offices on Milenium Forest Drive.

Christmas Lighting – Preliminary judging will on December 9 and 10. This is informal with each board member driving your neighborhood to select potential winners. Final review will take place on December 12 followed by awards delivered on December 13. This will be followed by a board member get together TBA.

7) Other Village Business

a. Update on Bandit signs – Training for those interested in being bandit sign collectors should report to the Township offices (room 122) at 6:00 on October 23.

b. Township Elections - early voting begins October 23 and with November 7 election day. Vote early!

c. PARD Advisory Council - Marti reported they met on October 2 and discussed the *potential* for an adventure course to be built in the woods at the Creekside Recreation Center. Discussion at the PARD meeting included admission cost (tiers based on age), usage, potential customer base. Comparisons were made to the success of the Kayaks in terms of how to get repeat users, make it affordable for a family and what kind of marketing would be needed if it drew in users of the "one and done" type.

d. Budget discussion – Ted responded to the discussion that came up at the meeting last month about the budget. He reminded us that we go through a budget process in March at the start of our fiscal year. Our budget is based on the funds that are distributed to the Village each year. Being fiscally

smart, it is not unusual for an event to come in under budget. He explained that we can amend any line item budget item at any time with discussion and a vote of the Board. Our events, with the exception of the scholarship program, are geared toward the College Park Community at-large and are intended to be resident-oriented. Each year the budget line-items are adjusted based on the previous years' costs. The take away is that we don't have a need to spend *more* money but we can carefully reconsider these items at any time. Discussion included comments about enhancing current events, using "consumption" only vendors, adding another event (taking into consideration of our limited manpower of 9 people) adding an adult only event, adding a catered Bar-b-que, adding a movie night at Harper's Landing or a Yappy Hour at Windsor Hills, having event co-chairs, planning an event further back and using established time lines, enhancements, having a separate calendar meeting in addition to the annual meeting in March to set the events calendar and brainstorm how we want the (enhanced) event to look or if we want to add another event. There was discussion about how to use funds from other sources that have accumulated over 17 years including enhancing the scholarship program. Following the discussion there were two motions made by Kenneth; the first was to increase the budget for NNO to cover the negative variance of \$135. The second was to increase the Spooktacular budget from \$2,000 to \$2,500. The question was asked just where the additional money would be spent and if there was a need to increase the Spooktacular budget. Johanne responded that she could purchase more decorations and had based the cost of candy on last year's prices. She was certain that the extra funds would be well-spent. Both motions were seconded by Johanne and passed by majority vote (Ted, Marti, Johanne and Kenneth) with Dave Mulberry and Joel Barnes abstaining from the votes. *Steve and Jake had to leave the meeting early and did not vote.*

8) Other business – Township election is November 8.

9) Resident Comments – NONE

10) Board member comments – Marti would like to have details of events one and one half months out so that she can include as many details as possible in *The Woodlands Magazine* article. She requested that this be considered when we plan events in 2018.

11) Adjourn at 8:57 PM